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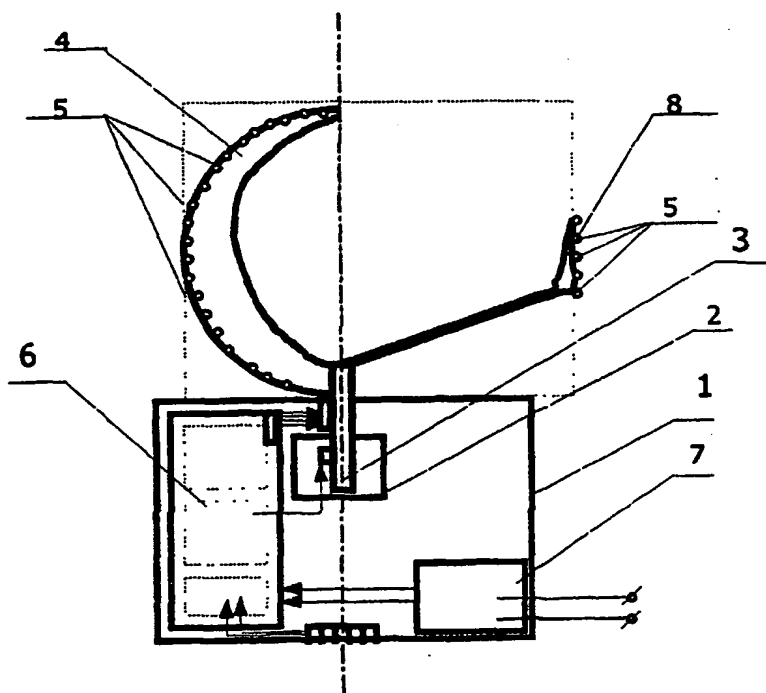
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(54) Title: **STROBOSCOPIC DISPLAY DEVICE**

(57) Abstract: A stroboscopic display device has at least one carrier, associated with a rotary drive shaft, to carry a plurality of point light sources arranged externally on said carrier, and a control unit to cut in and out said light sources. To display advertising messages with the effect of free hovering in the air, the carrier is formed as a rod shaped correspondingly to an appropriate revolution body generatrix and cantilevered onto the drive shaft; the rod thickness commensurable with the cross-section of a point light source, and the rod width sufficient to illusorily disappear from the spectator vision field during gyration. The optical axis of each light source is perpendicular to the revolution body generatrix defined by the carrier shape.

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1. A stroboscopic display device including —

at least one carrier of light sources:

a rotary drive kinematically associated with said carrier of light sources by

5 means of a shaft;

a plurality of light sources arranged on the external surface of said carrier;

a control means on the basis of a microprocessor to control said light
sources; the control means comprising a sensor to signal said carrier position, a
synchroniser to synchronise the operation of light sources, and program means
10 to record and process the data to be displayed and generate commands to cut
in and out said light sources

characterized in that —

(a) all the light sources are point light sources;

(b) the carrier is cantilevered onto a shaft of the rotary drive and formed as

15 a carrier which has its —

shape corresponding to an appropriate revolution body generatrix,

thickness commensurable with the cross-section of a point light source,

and

width, measured radially, which is sufficient for the carrier to illusorily

20 disappear from the vision field of a spectator when gyrated;

(c) the optical axis of each light source is perpendicular to the revolution
body generatrix which is formed by a selected shape of said carrier.

2. The device according to Claim 1 *characterized in that —*

(a) the thickness m of the carrier is defined by the expression

25 $d_{pls} < m \leq 9d_{pls}$

where d_{pls} is the cross-section of the light emitting surface of a point light
source;

(b) the width B of the carrier is determined by the expression

$B \leq 0.1 R_{max}$

30 where R_{max} is the radius of the circle described by the point light source which is
maximally distanced from the axis of the drive shaft.

3. The device according to Claim 1 *characterized in that* it has in the
geometrical plane of said carrier a balancer cantilevered onto the rotary drive
shaft oppositely to the carrier.